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REMARKS: <p>This seems worth having in mind when we get together again on the youth matter. Though addressed here to Missions, the philosophy is equally applicable in a Headquarters milieu.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  John W. Coffey </div> <p>Att Cy of Dept of State Management Reform Bulletin #9, dtd 23 Feb 71</p>		
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This provision implements the first of a series of Task Force recommendations on openness and creativity. While it is intended to contribute to openness by stimulating reasoned dissent, the provisions can be fully effective only in those missions where there is broad commitment to the principle of openness. Drawing on the suggestions of the missions themselves, we are now preparing specific guidelines aimed at fostering within missions a general spirit of openness wherein free communication and the exercise of the right of dissent are not merely tolerated, but actively encouraged.

Chiefs of Mission and Principal Officers should publicize these revisions among their staff members. This bulletin outlines the implementation of Action Program item No. 465.

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